

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

I am writing you courtesy of a small, local ISP in Louisville, Kentucky. I have been on the internet for six years now and have enjoyed a gamut of local and national ISP services.

I understand that you are now taking into consideration changes in regulations that currently make it necessary for large communication companies to allow local ISP's access to their networks.

Such a change would be devastating to the smaller ISP's and many of their customers. Local ISP's provide a level of service and friendliness never conceived of by the larger companies. To be deprived of even the potential so be served thusly would be a great disservice to consumers.

Also ISP's vary widely in the types of access they offer and the way they go about getting the word out about their businesses. These local companies go out of their way to bring the internet and all that it affords to populations never served by larger companies. Some of them even cater to certain people that would never even look to touch a computer on their own. They do this by holding free classes, and by sometimes conducting seminars in various places in their communities.

Finally, I am concerned that without having local companies to contend with, the larger ones will have no competition to improve services or keep down prices, and could very well keep some people from ever going online at all much, less pay for broadband access.

In conclusion, I ask the Commissioners to please keep the protections now in place to allow the small, local ISP's to remain in business both for the good of the consumer, and the future of the internet.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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